Memorandum

Date: November 10, 2026

To: Chair and Members
Art in Public Places

From: Ashlee K. Thomas, Director
Department of Cultural Affairs

Subject: Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-89 / Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus – MOU for Maintenance and Conservation of J. Patrick Lannan Foundation Sculpture Collection

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Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-36

RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED BETWEEN THE MIAMI-DADE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES TRUST AND THE MIAMI DADE COLLEGE FOR REGULAR MAINTENANCE AND CONSERVATION SERVICES OF THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COLLECTION ARTWORKS FROM THE LANNAN COLLECTION SITED ON A LONG-TERM LOAN AT THE MIAMI-DADE COLLEGE WOLFSON CAMPUS (FROM ART IN PUBLIC PLACES CONSERVATIONS FUNDS).

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Art in Public Places (APP) Trust approve a Memorandum of Understanding in substantially the form attached between the Miami-Dade Art in Public Places Trust and Miami-Dade College for regular maintenance and conservation services of Art in Public Places Collection artworks from the Lannan Collection sited on a long-term loan at Miami-Dade College Wolfson Campus.

Background

In 1986, the Art in Public Places program received a generous donation from the J. Patrick Lannan Foundation, consisting of eight (8) monumental artworks, permanently sited in the early 1990s at the Miami-Dade College Wolfson Campus through a long-term load agreement to create a sculptural garden that would make these works accessible to students, faculty, and visitors in a highly public setting. The collection includes sculptures by leading contemporary artists, including Ronald Bladen, Kenneth Snelson, Richard Van Buren, Forrest Myers, among others. These works represent an important component of the County's public art collection and through the years have been subject to maintenance and conservation services to preserve the sculptures and support their continued display.

Miami Dade College's Wolfson Campus is currently undertaking a major campuswide renovation project that affects the location of several sculptures. The impacted artwork(s) must be temporarily removed to accommodate the renovations providing an opportunity for APP to address their conservation needs before they are reinstalled at the campus. In addition to this major work, the campus performs year-round regular maintenance and repairs all throughout its public areas, work that often requires protection, touchups, and condition verifications of the collection artworks by APP staff and its qualified specialty vendors. Given the campus fast pace and complex operation schedule, the coordination of APP conservation services becomes challenging and expensive. In recent meetings with the college's administration, APP confirmed the college's interest to undertake the responsibility for coordination and contracting of the collection's regular maintenance and conservation needs provided that all work meets APP conservation standards.

Major repairs, significant conservation effort, and any other work requiring separate Trust approval would be presented to the Trust for consideration and approval before proceeding. All work would be performed in accordance with APP requirements and applicable conservation standards. Reimbursement would be limited to approved expenditures, with no fixed expenditure limit established at this time, as the scope and cost of future maintenance and conservation needs have not yet been determined. This working relationship would be effective immediately upon Trust approval and can be revoked by the Trust at any time given proper notice (30-days) to Miami-Dade College's designee and APP liaison. APP staff will monitor the effectiveness of this arrangement and will update the Trust of conservation activities and expenditures on an annual basis.

APP staff recommends approval of Trust Resolution No. 26-89 authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding in substantially the form attached between the Miami-Dade Art in Public Places Trust and the Miami-Dade College for regular maintenance and conservation services of the Art in Public Places Collection artworks from the Lannan Collection sited on a long-term loan at Miami-Dade College Wolfson Campus, subject to APP oversight, approval, and establishment of reimbursement policy for approved expenditures